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(54) ACETAMIDE DERIVATIVES, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND MEDICINAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME

(57) Acetamide derivatives represented by general formula (I) and physiologically acceptable acid-addition salts thereof, wherein X represents -O- or -NR4; R1 represents H, lower alkyl, lower alkeryl or cycloalkyl(lower)alkyl; R2 represents lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, etc.; R3 represents H, lower alkyl or hydroxy(lower)alkyl; R4 represents H, lower alkyl, etc.; R5 represents H, lower alkyl, hydroxy(lower)alkyl, etc.; R6 represents H, lower alkyl, CF3 or optionally substituted phenyl, or R5 and R6 together form -(CH2) $_{\rm n}$ -; R7 represents H, halogeno, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, CF3. OH, NH2, etc.; and R8 represents H, halogeno, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy. The compounds act selectively on the peripheral BZ $_{\rm m3}$ receptor and exhibit excellent pharmocological effects, which makes them useful as a remedy and preventive for central diseases, for example, diseases associated with anxiety, depression and epilepsy, etc.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & & \\ & & & \\ R_5 & & & \\ & & & \\ R_6 & & & \\ & & & \\ R_8 & & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ \\ R_7 \\ \\ R_8 \end{array} \qquad (I)$$